

## U-2 Pilot's Wife Denies He Spied



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Mrs. Francis G. Powers, right, and her mother, Mrs. Monteen Brown, at news conference in Milledgeville, Ga. Mrs. Powers injured leg in skiing accident in Turkey.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., May 10 (AP)—A forlorn but hopeful wife sat quietly on her mother's lawn today and declared that her filler husband was not a spy as had been charged by the Soviet Union.

Her eyes rimmed with red, Mrs. Barbara M. Powers, 24 years old, said she hoped Premier Khrushchev would return her husband, Francis Gary Powers.

The Soviet Union said in a note to the United States today that it would try the 30-year-old American flier under Soviet law. The Soviet Union charged that Mr. Powers was on an intelligence mission when his U-2 single-engine

jet plane went down in the Soviet Union. The United States conceded that the pilot had probably been on an intelligence mission.

"My husband was not a spy and I firmly believe that," Mrs. Powers said at the home of her mother, Mrs. Monteen Brown. She added that she did not know what type of work her husband had been doing for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Mrs. Powers said she and her husband had been in Turkey about two years when the incident occurred. She received a broken leg in a ski accident three weeks ago and was flown to her mother's home last week-end.

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